



## It's Summertime! That Means It's Swim Time

Summer and swimming are synonymous. It's fun jumping in a big blue pool and enjoying the splash. Come make a splash to kick off the season.

The Mission Bend pool opening weekend is **Saturday, May 18th** and the following Memorial weekend dates **May 25th, 26th, and 27th**.

The pool will open full time **June 1st** through **August 11th**.

During the school season, the pool will be open weekends only **August 17th** through **September 2nd**.

The pool closes for the season **September 3, 2024**.

**SPLASH DAY** will be **Saturday, June 8th**. Drinks, snacks, and games will be provided. Come out and have fun!

### Semi-Annual Meeting

The March **Semi-Annual Homeowners Meeting** was held at the Mission Bend Club House, located at 6945 Addicks Clodine Rd. There was not a quorum and the election of board members did not occur as planned. To minimize costs to the association to plan another meeting, elections will be held during the October Semi-Annual. Topics discussed during the March meeting were trash pickup, HOA financials, and an update from the GMBAC.

### Farm Animals Not Allowed

The Mission Bend HOA Deed Restriction **do not** allow farm animals in the neighborhood. No Chickens, No goats, No Roosters, No Turkeys, No Pigs, no farm animal. Having them violates deed restrictions and the HOA will send notice for immediate removal. There are health and sanitation reasons poultry are not allowed. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) poultry carry harmful germs that cause a variety of illnesses, ranging from minor skin infections to serious illnesses that can cause death. Goat diseases can spread to humans that includes Rabies and gastro-intestinal diseases such as Salmonella. Other common concerns with these animals include odor, noise, pests, and waste management. Please RESPECT your Neighbors and the community!

Registration begins opening weekend. You **must** be an adult resident of Mission Bend HOA to register. The pool registration FEE is **\$5.00** per resident with proof of residency such as a driver's license, utility bill, lease agreement, etc. There will be a \$5.00 charge per guest, each day the guest uses the pool.

### 2024 Pool Hours are as follows:

**Monday & Tuesday:**

**CLOSED**

**Wednesday to Saturday:**

**1 PM – 9 PM**

**Sundays & July 4th**

**1 PM – 7 PM**

For more information on pool rules, pool rental, and our guest policy visit our website [www.missionbendhoa.gmbac.com](http://www.missionbendhoa.gmbac.com). Go to the Residents page then select Pool.

### Pool Gate Guards Needed

Applications for pool Gate Guards are now being accepted. Gate Guards are **paid hourly positions** for the summer swim season **May 18th – September 2nd**.



Gate Guards will report to Pool Manager, who is also responsible for the coordination of maintenance and all pool activities during the summer pool season.

Want to apply? Please call [Property Masters](tel:281-556-5111) at **281-556-5111** or send us an email.

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## Texas Pride: Trash Update

The HOA Board met with Texas Pride Owner during our monthly Board meeting. He listened intently and was very receptive to all the issues and concerns brought forth. Below are topics and responses.

**Customer Service:** Texas Pride acknowledged they have had issues with customer service due to staffing. We were informed they have hired more staff, increased and improved training. They are considering having dedicated teams to handle our area since we are one of the largest HOA customer

**Trash Bins:** Homeowners are responsible for their bin replacement. Bins can be purchased from Texas Pride or from a provider of your choice.

**Stickers:** Homeowners must have a current sticker placed visibly on their bins to get service. If you have an expired sticker your trash **will not** be picked up.

**Heavy Trash Pickup: Heavy Trash Pickup:** Heavy trash will be picked up on both Wednesday & Saturday. Please make sure branches are bundled and are no longer than 4ft. For furniture, appliances, other heavy items, please call ahead to make them aware

**Inconsistent Billing:** Texas Pride acknowledged they have had some billing issues and is moving to a new system. It was confirmed they are not over/double billing, but the date overlaps were due to manual entry processes. Issues will improve with the new software system. To keep accounts current, setup auto-draft with either your bank or Texas Pride. **Note:** Paper invoices come with an upcharge

**Inconsistent/Missed Pickups:** Owner agreed to do better training with their service teams to ensure more consistency. He also mentioned a new system has been put into place for the drivers, as well to improve service

Please work with both your HOA Board and Texas Pride to maintain good service.

## Precinct 4 - Infrastructure Projects in the Area

**Mission Bend Area Park:** To facilitate connectivity and accessibility, this project proposes adding sidewalks to the west side of Addicks Clodine Rd and connecting to the existing sidewalk. This trail will serve as a recreational area and provide a safer alternative for pedestrians who wish to avoid walking along the road

**Alief Hike & Bike Trail:** A 10' wide shared-use trail located primarily within a north-south CenterPoint easement. It would run about 4 miles from Brays Bayou Greenway south to the existing Keegans Bayou Trail.

**McClendon Park:** Development of public green space adjoining McClendon Park (and possible future community center/parking lot). Also improve pedestrian access to the park and drainage.

**Spark Parks:** Playgrounds and trails at Miller Intermediate and Holmquist Elementary Schools.

## Alief Linear Forest

Harris County Precinct 4 is using \$2 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding as part of a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design initiative, planting 1,200 trees along 17 miles of roads in the Alief community.

Alief averages 10 degrees hotter in the summer months than well-shaded areas of Houston. Alief has only an 11% tree canopy, compared to the Houston average of 33%. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, improving tree coverage is a simple and effective way to address the heat island effect.



A study published in the Journal of Public Economics found increases in temperature are connected to increases in crime. In addition to reducing temperatures, these 1,200 trees will provide a positive environmental and health impact for the Alief community.

Precinct 4 oversees a system of 54 parks, 65 miles of park trails, and 8 community centers. Planning the future of parks and trails is a vital component of our work to make sure each resident in Precinct 4 has access to high-quality greenspaces. This area of our work includes park master plans, trail planning, and partnerships with local governments to improve access, connectivity, recreation, environmental resilience, and biodiversity.

In September 2023, a precinct-wide parks and trails plan was started that focuses on creating healthier and more equitable parks and greenspace system for residents of Precinct 4. The plan includes creating connectivity between parks, passive greenspace, and neighborhoods that will be supported by precinct-wide public engagement and data analysis to make for more equitable park access, enhance environmental vulnerability of communities adjacent to parks, improve physical and mental health with parks and greenspace, and leverage parks to improve socioeconomic outcomes.

**HOA Monthly Board Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at the Mission Bend Club House located at 6945 Addicks Clodine Rd at 7:00 pm. Homeowners are welcome to attend!**

**PLEASE RECYCLE** Do not throw beer cans, soda cans, glass bottles, milk containers out with your trash. Use the small blue rectangular container for these items. You pay for this service as part of your Tuesday trash pick-up! **Recycle Bins should be used for recyclable items only.**



## PATRIOTIC BERRY TRIFLE



- 1/4 cup plus 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 premade angel food cake, cut into 1-inch slices
- 1 pound cream cheese, at room temperature
- 2 cups heavy cream, at room temperature
- 2 pints blueberries
- 2 pints strawberries
- 1 pint blackberries
- 1 pint raspberries

### Directions

Heat 1/4 cup sugar, the lemon juice and 1/4 cup water in a saucepan over medium-high heat, stirring, until the sugar dissolves. Remove from the heat and stir in the almond extract.

Brush both sides of each slice of cake with the syrup. Cut the slices into 1-inch cubes.

Beat the remaining 2/3 cup sugar and the cream cheese with a mixer on medium speed until smooth and light. Add the cream and beat on medium-high speed until smooth and the consistency of whipped cream.

Arrange half of the cake cubes in the bottom of a 13-cup trifle dish. Sprinkle evenly with a layer of blueberries. Dollop half of the cream mixture over the berries and gently spread. Top with a layer of strawberries. Layer the remaining cake cubes on top of the strawberries, then sprinkle with more blackberries and top with the remaining cream mixture. Finish with the remaining strawberries, raspberries and blueberries, arranging them in a decorative pattern. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour.



**Greater Mission Bend Area Council (GMBAC)** is focused on increasing visibility and socializing the importance of building community relationships.

The GMBAC is currently planning a HOA Board of Directors forum to be held later this fall for all 14 HOAs in the greater Mission Bend area.

Want to know more about GMBAC? Check out their website at [www.gmbac.com](http://www.gmbac.com)

### Expired Federal Subsidy Impacts 1.7M Texas Households

Over 1.7 million Texas households could lose access to affordable, high-speed internet this month due to a federal subsidy that helps low-income Americans pay for broadband services ends.

The Affordable Connectivity Program provides a \$30 monthly discount on internet service for eligible low-income households, and a \$75 monthly discount for households on tribal lands. The \$14.2 billion program, which launched in 2021 as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, helps 23 million American households save money on their internet bills.

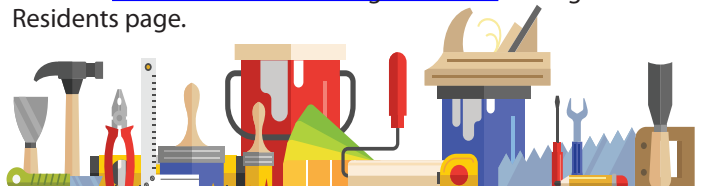
The program expired at the end of April after Congress did not pass legislation to extend funding. Some households could receive partial discounts through May, with no benefits available in later months.

Expiration to 1.7M Texans means no access to education opportunities, no access to telehealth, no access to workforce opportunities and small business opportunities. Nearly 50% of enrollees use the internet for work or apply for jobs.

### Architectural Control Committee

**Any** exterior changes to your residence or lot requires submission of a Home Improvement Request Form at least **ONE MONTH** prior to the date you plan to commence the work. **Work must not begin until you have been given approval** by the ACC. Non-approved changes could cost you.

The **MBHOA** is diligent in trying to maintain standards in the subdivision, so that property values are maintained. To obtain a Home Improvement Request Form from the **ACC**, please contact Property Masters at 281-556-5111 or visit our website [www.missionbendhoa.gmbac.com](http://www.missionbendhoa.gmbac.com) and go to the Residents page.



## Who Do I Call?

<b>Ft. Bend &amp; Harris County Emergency</b> .....	<b>911</b>
<b>Ft. Bend Sheriff's Non-Emergency</b> .....	<b>281-341-4665</b>
Community Volunteer Fire Dept.....	281-498-8806
Harris Co. Commissioner Briones.....	713-755-6444
Ft. Bend Co. Commissioner McCoy .....	281-980-2235
Harris County Sheriff .....	713-221-6000
Fort Bend Sheriff.....	281-342-6116
Si Environmental (water repairs & billing) .....	832-490-1600
Animal Control Harris County.....	281-999-3191
Animal Control Fort Bend County.....	281-342-1512
Mayor's Anti-Gang Office .....	713-247-1576
Texas Pride (Trash Pick-Up).....	281-342-8178
MBHOA Clubhouse Rental .....	281-879-0892

## MBHOA Clubhouse Rentals

**To Reserve: Call 281.879.0892** Leave a Message with Date & Time desired; your name & phone number; Calls are returned once or twice a week, so **PLAN AHEAD.**

### Who can Rent:

- 1) Adult residents of our MBHOA
- 2) An Adult Chaperon is required for ALL youth functions.

**Rental Fee:** \$325 with \$200 damage deposit, paid in advance.

**Payment:** Cashiers' Check or Money Order.

**Damage Deposit:** Refunded if the clubhouse is properly cleaned and there is no damage to the property.

**NOTE:** The MB Pool is not included in the Clubhouse rental.

## Need Help?

If you need help maintaining your lawn or with outdoor chores, the following are available to do work at reasonable rates:

**Aron Pond: 281-568-1909**

**Kimmi Cannon: 832-512-3456**  
(Landscaping Only, no lawn care)



## MBHOA Officers

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
President.....	Michilla Cade.....	281-804-6953
Vice President .....	Lynn Alwine .....	281-933-3741
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Treasurer .....	Jon Lee .....	281-221-5240
Parliamentarian.....	Renee Perez .....	713-772-1115 <i>Habla Espanol</i>
Secretary .....	Open	

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## MBHOA Committee Chair Positions

Publicity Chair..... Volunteer needed

## Next Newsletter

The next newsletter will be published in August. To place ad or article, please call or send an email to Michilla Cade; mcade@gmbac.com by July 13th.



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